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**PATENT
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2003 (Paper No. 18) in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed by March 8, 2004 (March 6, 2004 being a Saturday) in lieu of an Appeal Brief in view of the Notice of Appeal filed August 4, 2003 (received by the Patent Office August 6, 2003) and further in view of the simultaneous filing of a Petition for Extension of Time (five months) including payment of fees.

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows: